

### **General Information**

All events, with the exception of the Congress Dinner, will take place in the Hyatt Regency Chicago. See the following for information on Registration, Exhibits and Poster Sessions.

### **Venue Information**

Chicago Hyatt Regency  
151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, USA 60601  
Tel: +1-312-565-1234

### **Registration**

All attendees must be registered for the meeting. Registration is located in Regency Main Desk directly outside the Regency Ballroom. Registration will be open during the following hours:

Thursday, December 2	1:00–8:00 pm
Friday, December 3	6:30 am–5:30 pm
Saturday, December 4	6:30 am–7:00 pm
Sunday, December 5	6:30 am–12:00 nn

### **Press**

Press may register for the meeting free of charge as Press. Proper press credentials must be presented with your form. Press registration does not include the gala event. There is a Press Room located in the New Orleans room in the Hyatt. This room will be open during the following hours:

Thursday, December 2	1:00–8:00 pm
Friday, December 3	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, December 4	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, December 5	8:00 am–12:00 nn

### **Exhibits**

The exhibits are an integral part of the complete education experience and will feature the latest in research products in the field of osteoarthritis. Please make time during the meeting to visit the exhibits during their open hours. They are located in the Regency Ballroom.

### **Exhibit Hours:**

Thursday, December 2	8:00–9:30 pm with the Opening Reception
Friday, December 3	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, December 4	8:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, December 5	8:00 am–12:00 nn

### **OARSI Membership Booth**

There will be a membership booth located in the exhibit area. Please be sure to stop by and pick up membership information about OARSI.

### **Poster Sessions**

The Poster Sessions are an important education event of this meeting. We hope you support and attend these scientific presentations. All poster presentations will be held in the Regency Ballroom. All poster presentations have been assigned a chronological P# for reference when locating your printed abstract in this supplement. This P# also indicates board number location for poster boards in the hall. Please refer to the program for the appropriate board. Posters may be set up and viewed during the following times:

#### **Poster Session I**

Thursday, December 2

Mount Time:	2:00–4:30 pm
Viewing Time:	4:30–9:30 pm and Friday, December 3 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Presentation Time:	4:30–6:30 pm Thursday, December 2
Dismount Time:	Friday, December 3 at 5:30 pm

#### **Poster Session II**

Saturday, December 4

Mount Time:	7:00–8:00 am
Viewing Time:	8:00 am–7:00 pm and Sunday, December 5 from 8:00 am to 12:00 nn
Presentation Time:	5:30–7:00 pm Saturday, December 4
Dismount Time:	Sunday, December 5 at 12:00 nn

Posters are to be removed immediately at the designated times. Any posters left on the board will be removed and will be discarded.

### **Cyber Café**

New to OARSI this year is the Cyber Café where attendees may check their emails and keep in touch with home and office. This room will be open during regular registration hours and will be located in the Hong Kong Room by the Regency Ballroom.

### **Cameras and Cell Phones**

No cameras or video cameras are allowed in any event during the OARSI Congress. As a courtesy to fellow attendees, please turn off cell phones during educational sessions.

### **Breakfast Workshops**

New to the meeting this year are breakfast workshops, Friday and Saturday mornings. You may choose between two workshops each morning. There is a separate registration fee to attend. Space is limited and you will not be admitted without a ticket. Please check at Registration for availability. A continental breakfast will be provided.

### **Workshop on Development of Guidelines for Clinical Trials for Osteoarthritis of the Hand**

OARSI will be hosting a series of sessions designed to develop consensus guidelines for conducting Clinical Trials in Hand OA.

These sessions will be in three parts:

Friday, December 3                      12:00–1:30 pm  
Presentation of Data on Topic of Clinical Trials in Hand OA

Saturday, December 4                      12:30–1:30 pm  
Discussion and Debate of the Data

Sunday, December 5th                      7:00–8:30 am  
A Working Session to Establish the Parameters of Consensus on the Subject

Before the meeting, registered attendees will be emailed materials for review. Subsequent to the meeting, the results of these sessions will be published in the journal *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage*. We are confident this will be a very informative series, resulting in a multi-stakeholder consensus document, and we are inviting you to participate. Only those registered for the Congress may attend these sessions. There is no additional charge, but attendance at these sessions is limited.

There will be a limited number of box lunches available for purchase for these sessions. The price is \$25.00 and will be first come, first serve.

### **Opening Reception and Congress Dinner**

The Opening Reception will take place in the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel in the Regency Ballroom on Thursday evening immediately following the Opening Ceremony from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. This event is included in the overall registration fee.

On Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 10:00 pm there will be a Gala dinner in the MidAmerica Club. The venue is located directly behind the Hyatt Regency, one block from the hotel. There is an additional fee for this event. Tickets are available at the registration desk during regular registration hours.

### **Speaker Ready Room**

The Speaker Ready Room is located in the East Tower of the Hyatt in Grand Suite 4. The Speaker Ready Room is provided for presenters to prepare for their presentations and to ensure a seamless integration of a wide variety of audiovisual technologies in the various meeting rooms. All speakers regardless must check into the Speaker Ready Room.

PowerPoint Presentations: There will be a PC in the general session room. Your presentation must be formatted to run on a Windows-based PC. Please bring your presentation on either a CD-ROM, zip drive, or floppy disk to the Speaker Ready Room at least three hours before your session begins. It is recommended that you also bring a backup zip disk, CD-ROM, or floppy. Before transferring your PowerPoint presentation from your computer to the zip disk, floppy, or CD-ROM that you are taking to the OARSI Congress, please make sure that your fonts are embedded. This will aid in translating any exotic fonts. This is a simple process that can be done when your presentation is completed on your own computer. With your PowerPoint presentation open, click "FILE", then "SAVE AS", click on "TOOLS" on your "SAVE AS" tool bar, click on "EMBED TRUE TYPE FONTS", then transfer to disk, CD-ROM or floppy.

By checking in at the Speaker Ready Room and following these simple guidelines, speakers greatly contribute to the success of the meeting.

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